Remarks

In the Office Action the Examiner states that the application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters. Specifically, the Examiner indicates that in claim 1 the phrase "a gear mechanism" should be changed to "a gear wheel mechanism". Also claim 2, the phrase "the gear wheel" should be changed to "a gear wheel" and in claim 4 the term "the" before the phrase "engaging connecting elements" should be deleted. Additionally, in claim 5, the phrase "the connecting elements" should be changed to "the engaging connecting elements". For claim 7, the phrase "one of the preceding claims" should be changed to "either claims 2 or 6" and the term "wheels" changed to "wheel". Finally, for claim 9, the dependency should be changed from "claim 1" to "claim 2".

The applicants have amended the claims to correct the above listed formal matters. Consequently, the applicants believe that all of the claims are presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Ms. Patricia A. Verlangieri, at (609) 734-6867, so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

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